

Young Writers' Workshop 2015 is almost here!

Dear Thunderbird families and community,

We are excited that our 19th annual Young Writers' Workshop is coming up next week: the morning of **Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015**. The goal of YWW is to expose students to a variety of styles of writing and **highlight the many ways writing is vital in art, work, and life**. Please take a moment at the end of next week to **talk with your child about the experience!**

Students in Pre-K through 2nd grades will be treated a performance by award-winning songwriter Joe McDermott. Students in 3rd-5th grades have already turned in their choice sheets and will each participate in two of the following **writing workshops**:

- Sam Hurt, cartoonist & former THES parent, Storytelling through Cartoons
- Erica Flores, Girls Rock Austin, Songwriting 101
- Liz Garton Scanlon, poet and author, "Poems in the Style of..."
- Laurie Filipelli, poet, writing and illustrating poetry workshop
- Jena Kirkpatrick, poet and editor, "Believe it or Not"
- Lindsey Lane, children's lit and magazine writer, "Secret? Who has a secret?"
- Susan Morrison, author and professor, "Making the Middle Ages come alive!"
- Sheldon Pacotti, author and video game maker, "The Story Maze"
- Neal Pollack, fiction writer and journalist, "How to Write Satire"
- Rupert Reyes, playwright and theater director, write and perform a scene from a play
- Cedric Golden, sports reporter, "Writing a sports story"
- Alison Macor, author and film critic, "How to write a film review"
- Patrick Ancipink & Bill Talbot, marketing executives, "Writing to Launch New Product"

If you know any of these workshop presenters, please give them a BIG THANKS! And if YOU are one of the many YWW parent volunteers, THANK YOU! Year after year, you add to the proud, inspiring history of our school's unique Young Writers' Workshop.

Sincerely,

Erin Walter, Young Writers' Workshop co-coordinator & parent of a THES kindergartner